

Waybill

Mid West Region NMRA –
Winter 2010



President's Report

By Bill Litkenhous, President, MWR

I travel along the former Monon Railroad main line several times every week. As I have written in previous letters the CSX Railroad is storing surplus cars at various points along the line. It has been interesting to watch the changes that a stationary car goes through. The black hopper cars start out with the dark sheen of cars that are regularly used. As time has gone by the cars have developed a light patina of a dark red rust color. The cars that run consistently seem to shake this patina off but these stationary cars just hang on to these natural changes. I now wonder how long it is going to be before the vegetation starts invading the spaces between the cars. So far I have not noticed any encroachment by the trees and bushes but I kind of expect it if CSX lets these cars rest much longer.

As I have mentioned in previous letters, I work at the Salem, Indiana depot railroad museum on a regular basis. I am one of six volunteers that regularly work on the layout in the basement of the museum. It is interesting to note that while the layout models the Monon Railroad in Washington County of Indiana, none of the volunteers lives in Washington County. We all enjoy working on a theme layout and especially enjoy the comments that visitors make while viewing the layout. It is also interesting to hear people talking about what has been added to the layout since the last time they visited.

I am sure that most of you know of San Francisco's historic street car line, the "F" line. Bowser has been importing models of all the versions of the PCC cars in service. Finally, in their third run they are bringing out the version painted for the Louisville Railway Company. Louisville, KY being my home town, I am very interested in this model. The Louisville Railway Company ordered 25 PCC cars after World War II. Fifteen of the cars were delivered to Louisville, but only one or two were actually unloaded. One was run around the main car barn and then reloaded onto the flat car it came to town on. It seems that the city fathers were determined to eliminate street cars and had threatened to pull the franchise from the Louisville Railway Company if they didn't cease operating street cars. The

LWC determined that they could get a better price on the cars if they were brand new so they reloaded the cars and sent the 15 delivered cars and the ten cars still at the manufacturing plant on to the new owner, Cleveland.

The Louisville Railway Company continued to run the street cars without the PCCs until Derby Day in May of 1948. The company was not certain that they could handle the Derby Day traffic without the street cars, so they used them to take the crowds out to Churchill Downs and then parked them. The buses handled the crowds after the races and the street cars were never operated again.

It was my good fortune to have a mother that wanted her children to experience a ride on the streetcars of Louisville. She took me and my sister, along with several of the neighborhood kids on a trip the week before operations ceased. The line that we rode on was the same one that went by the Churchill Downs and then on to private right of way out to one of Louisville's largest city parks.

We are fortunate to have a company like Bowser to reproduce something as interesting as the San Francisco street cars. Also Bachmann has released a street car of note with the Peter Witt car. Many similar cars were built and operated around the country, including the city of Louisville. I will be painting a pair in the Louisville Railway Company colors, even though they are not like Louisville's. But what the heck, they're close enough.

I have visited several train shows this fall and supported them by having sales tables to help thin down my collection of equipment. In August, the Jeffersonville Model Railroad Club held a show in conjunction with the Sellersburg Celebrates (Sellersburg, Indiana). We had our modular HO layout on display along with another clubs HO layout, Bob Johnson's Lionel layout, and the Kentucky Live steamers with a display. We also had about two dozen sales tables. It was a successful show for the club and I. I also participated in the Columbus, Indiana MR club show in September in conjunction with the heart nut festival in the Johnson County Park. Again a very successful show. And then last month, October, I went to Danville, Indiana to participate in the CID fall show. A free show (no admission) with multiple layouts and dealers tables. Also a successful show.

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Editor's Column

Summer is over. and with it summer (warm-weather) rail-fanning. This year I was able to see some great prototype equipment and to finish off my collection of Kodachrome slide film. Yes, I still shoot slides, in addition to video and digital.

It began with a visit to the Hesston Steam Museum and a ride behind narrow gauge Shay #7, as well as 1/4 scale and 1/8 scale locomotives.

Next was a visit to the Monticello Railroad museum for the dedication of Southern 401.

Finally, I was fortunate to get a tour of the Janesville Roundhouse of the Wisconsin Southern as part of the C&NWSH fall meet. For more photos, see page 11.



Hesston Indiana, July 5, 2010

This issue has more pages than usual because it is the annual election issue. Please take a few moments to fill out the ballot on page 7 and return it to Don Cook. Remember, the region and division officers are all volunteers and it is nice to show them support for their commitment.

It is a shame that the Waybill is

printed in black and white, because it is full of color photos. Why not check it out on the internet? In fact, why not make the internet your primary means of receiving the Waybill? You will save money and get it in living color? See page 5 for details.

Make plans now to attend the spring region convention in Madison. Full details are on pages 4 and 6.



Wisconsin Southern Shops
October 2, 2010

Biker bar on the Lakeshore
Model Railroad Association's layout

With winter here it time to visit train shows and open houses. There are several noteworthy ones coming up. One I enjoyed last year was the Lake Shore Model Railroad Association at the Calumet Park Fieldhouse in Chicago. The address is 9801 S avenue G, the times are Dec 3:5-9 Dec 4 and 5 11-4 www.lakeshoremoldrr.org



Midwest Region Achievement Program Report by Marvin Preussler- MWR AP Manager

I am happy to report that there has been a lot of activity from our members. Members continue to take part in the Achievement Program all over the Midwest Region. It is always fun to help answer questions and to guide our members in the AP. Take a look at the following:

The following members received AP Certificates:

James Osborn, McHenry, IL	Author MWR Certificate # 881
James Osborn, McHenry, IL-	Volunteer MWR Certificate # 882
Tim Kleimeyer, Sleepy Hollow, IL	Volunteer MWR Certificate # 883
Leif Hansen, Mt. Prospect, IL	Volunteer MWR Certificate # 884

There is even more good news! We now have one more Master Model Railroader in the Midwest Region! He is: Ronald Lane: Master Model Railroader # 447

Ronald is from Columbus, IN . Ronald is an excellent model railroader and is very active in the NMRA in his division.

If you know Ronald personally or see him at your next train show, be sure to congratulate him on his achievement. Ronald's MMR story was in the past issue of the NMRA magazine. Great job Ronald and congratulations! Perhaps the National convention got some of our members motivated to finish off projects and fill out the paperwork. Deadlines are not always a bad thing! As always, work with your division Achievement Program Manager first, and if there is a problem, feel free to contact me. Thanks!

Marvin Preussler, MMR

Frugal Modeler by John Wolfe, introduced by David Nelson

Many southeastern Wisconsin modelers have visited John Wolfe's very nicely done Chicago & North Western "Allendale Division" themed HO scale layout, complete with a most impressive working block occupancy signal system. John has graciously agreed to author this "guest" Frugal Modeler about his source of inexpensive speakers for model railroad sound purposes. We take no responsibility for any weight gained while gathering the necessary materials, nor for the tantrum caused by destroying a child's Happy Meal toy just to get at the speakers! Take it away, John

A Source for Cheap Speakers

A quick look for speakers to use in DCC sound decoder installations turns up prices around \$10 for a basic speaker. A less expensive alternative is using speakers from

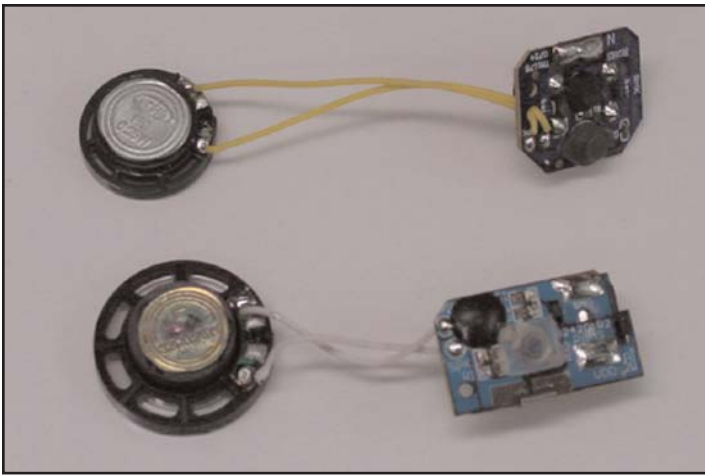


Happy Meal toy from the Golden Arches. Held together with "tri-point" screws, but can easily be opened with a quick hit from a small hammer.

McDonalds' Happy Meal toys. Each series of toys usually includes at least one toy that emits sounds, voices, or noises. These toys are equipped with a small speaker that is typically 3/4-inch diameter and rated at 16 ohms. Their size makes them a good fit for use inside a diesel hood or steam tender. You can use the speaker as-is, or you can use them in pairs. If you place them in series, they work with decoders requiring a 32-ohm speaker. If wired in parallel, they work for 8-ohm systems. Having harvested dozens of speakers this way, I have found that some of the speakers in the smaller toys are a 1/2-inch in diameter. I have also found some variations in ohms, with a few being 8-ohm or 32-ohm. Fortunately, each speaker is stamped on the back with its rating so there is no guessing. The most difficult task is opening up the toy - they are assembled with tri-point screws. Most people don't have a tri-point screwdriver [DN's comment: tri-point screws are increasingly used



After judicious use of the hammer, the top splits open to reveal the circuit board with batteries and the speaker. In this case, a 32-ohm speaker approximately 3/4 of an inch



Different toys can have different speaker sizes and ratings. Most are 16-ohm 3/4 inch. However, 32-ohm and 8-ohm are also found often. Sizes are usually 3/4 inch, but will occasionally be 1/2 inch.

in certain hi-tech games and products such as Wii cases, Gameboy cases, and some makes of digital cameras and cell phones, so you might already have a good reason to acquire one or two [DN's comment: certain nut crackers might also be suited to this task]. Please be careful when opening the toy as the plastic can crack with sharp edges. A screwdriver can be used to pry it open all the way and then the speaker will drop out of its housing.

If you have kids (or grandkids), you may already be visiting McDonalds, so why not be frugal and pick up some cheap speakers too?

Region News

The Badgerland Express 2011 April 15, 16 & 17 2011

All Aboard! The Badgerland Express..



The Badgerland Express Midwest Region Convention is just around the corner, April 15, 16 & 17, 2011 at the Radisson Hotel on Grand Canyon Drive in Madison, WI. We have a lot of great events planned and I believe you will find many things to set your interests into high gear.

Here are some examples.

Friday evening we start out with the following operating sessions: Bill and Rose Weber's Union Pacific, Barb Rothwell's Concord Valley and Western, Ken Honjacki's

Ontario and Western, Ned Ferguson's C & O and Bob Wundrock's Soo Line just to name a few. Of course these are first come first serve but if you want to operate on a specific railroad then on your registration form put the name of the layout president in the area of "I want to operate with .."

Friday is also the beginning of layout tours and clinics all weekend long. Ned Ferguson has received commitments from at least one clinician in each division from the Midwest Region (MWR) and more.

Youth group: Our South Central Wisconsin Division youth group will be displaying their club layout and will be conducting a make and take clinic for youth from 8 to 18. In addition to the layout in this room there will be a time saver switching layout for the kids of all ages.

Non-Rail: We have lots of non rail clinics ready including a master gardener, a bonsai expert, jewelry making (extra fare), CPR class (non certification) and Astronomy. Please note: The jewelry clinic will be two hours and will have an extra fare of \$35.00 for your supplies. Minimum registration will need to be least at five people to do this clinic. If interested, please send a separate sheet of paper with your name on it and the words Jewelry Clinic along with your fare to our registrar. If you have already registered, send the information, fare and your registration number to the registrar.

In the early part of 2010, a Train Team from the South Central Wisconsin Division built a G scale layout at the new Madison Children's Museum. We are offering a reduced price ticket for admittance into the museum to see the layout and the rest of this fine place for kids. Even if you're not a youngster, this museum in downtown Madison is worth the time to go through it.

We are also offering the contest area as always and an auction after the Banquet Saturday evening. We in the South Central Wisconsin Division are looking forward to welcoming you and you family to Madison Wisconsin and the Badgerland Express 2011.

Paul Mangan Badgerland Express Co-Chair

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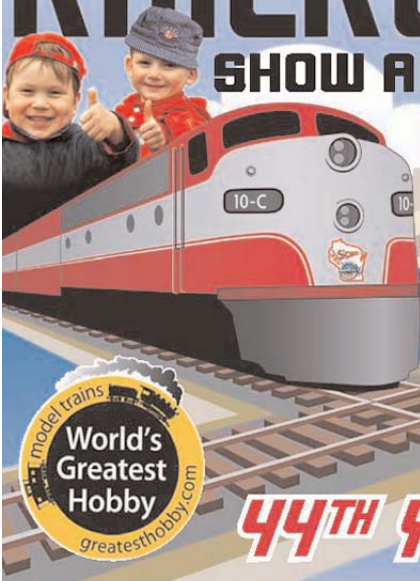
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Next Board Meeting

Radisson Hotel
Madison, Wisconsin

April 17, 2011; 10:00 am

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April 15-17, 2011

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Bill Litkenhous

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Paul Mangan

Write-In _____

Director-At-Large (Vote for/Check Three)

Fred Henize

David Leider

Jim Allen (Incumbent)

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Bill Litkenhous, President



Bill Litkenhous

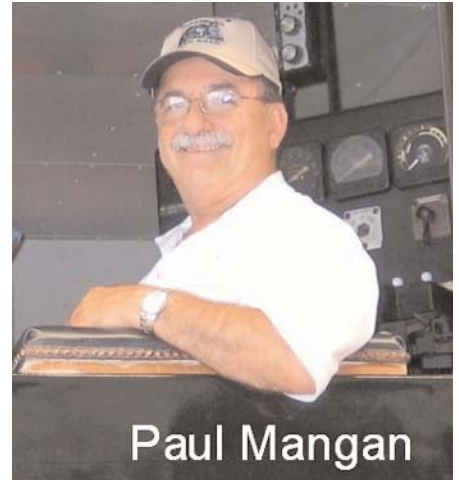
I am currently serving as your President and seeking re-election for a 2nd term. I joined the NMRA in 1961 and have been a continuous life member since. My active NMRA involvement started years ago, when someone from the C.I.D. asked if we would host a train show in Bloomington and I became the co-chairman of

that show. Since becoming involved in the C.I.D., I have served as superintendent and on the Board of Directors. I have served as chairman of various committees and have been active on the Regional Conventions committees at Anderson and Noblesville, IN. I served as Chairperson of the 2007 Regional Convention in Muncie. I am also the chairman of the committee for the joint Kiwanis Club/C.I.D. train shows at Bedford. I have done this for 14 years now.

In addition to NMRA activities, I am active in the Salem, Indiana Depot Museum helping to build an operating HO layout depicting the Monon Railroad in the Washington County area. I usually volunteer there two days a week.

My modeling interests are focused on The Bedford Industrial Railroad, a small switching layout to keep me occupied while I am planning my ultimate layout. I model the L&N and C&O with an interest in all of the railroads that operated into Louisville, KY, my hometown. These include the Southern, B&O (which is my son's favorite line), Illinois Central, the New York Central, the Pennsylvania and last but not least the Monon RR. I have been recently remarried and currently residing in Bedford, IN.

Paul Mangan, Vice-President



Paul Mangan

Currently I am nearing the end of my first term as the National Model Railroad Association's Midwest Region's (NMRA-MWR) Vice-President. It has been a very enjoyable experience to work with our region's, President Bill Litkenhous and the entire Board of Directors. I would certainly look forward to serving another term if re-elected.

I'm in my fourth term as the Superintendent of the South Central Wisconsin Division and I always bring a positive attitude and "can do" spirit to the table. I will continue to work with the NMRA-MWR's board of directors, do my best to represent you and do my part to handle what ever challenges are put before the board. I will continue working to ensure that the hobby remains enjoyable for all members. I truly believe that this is "The World's Greatest Hobby".

Thank you very much
Paul

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**Annual Meeting
of Members**

**Radisson Hotel
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Wisconsin**

**8:00 pm, Saturday,
April 16, 2011**

The Radisson Hotel on Madison's West Side is the convention hotel. A block of rooms has been set aside with a special rate of \$99.00 per night. For early arrivals there are a few set aside for April 14th. The Radisson hotel is near West Towne Mall with plenty of restaurants and shopping within walking distance. And by the way, there are two hobby shops in the area of the Radisson. Hotel reservations can be made by calling (608) 833-0100 and asking for the rate for the South Central Model RR-NMRA.

The South Central Wisconsin Division, the Midwest Region and the NMRA is pleased to invite you to Madison, Wisconsin, and the Badgerland Express 2011
Visit us on line at www.nmra-sewd.org

Jim Allen



I have been involved in model railroading on and off for more than 50 years. It started with a battery-operated tinline set, progressed to American Flyer and settled with HO with a dabbling in On3 and G. My career path as an Industrial Designer has allowed me to not only work in corporate

and consulting offices but to also run my own freelance business. I have been involved in the designs of everything from small consumer products to heavy earth moving equipment. As a freelance designer I have been able to combine my passions for design and model railroading. Alco Models, McKeen Models, Overland, Walthers, Circuitron, Magnuson Models, and GCLaser are just a few of the companies in the Model Railroad Industry that I have done design, drafting, pattern work, model building and diorama design and construction.

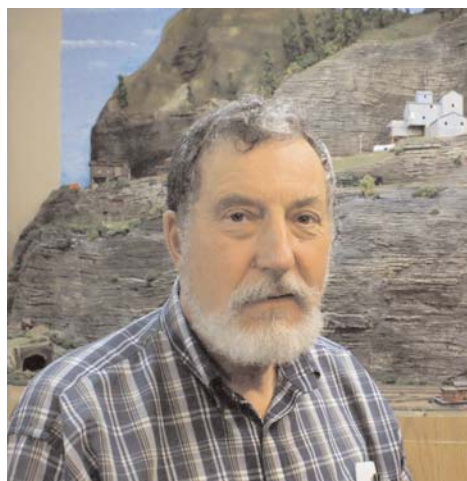
As a NMRA member I have participated in and placed in a number of National and Regional Convention model contests. I have achieved an AP Certificate for Model Railroad Author and Master Builder – Motive Power. Articles that I have authored have appeared in Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman and Mainline Modeler.

My wife and I retired in 2008 and I now have the time to start building the model railroad that I have been planning for the past 6 years. The 13'x19' layout will be a Chicago based theme concentrating on IC and CSS&SB operations. Of course this all depends on the length of my wife's honey-do list. My other interests include restoring a 1956 Penn Yan 14' cedar strip runabout, architectural photography, and researching heavy industry.

Fred Henize

I have been a member of the NMRA since April of 1988, at least this time around. I have been active in the DuPage Division most of that time as clerk, assistant superintendent, superintendent, and as division newsletter editor. As division superintendent I also served on the Region Board of Directors. Currently I am serving once again as division assistant superintendent. For the past four years I have also served as the NMRA National Ballot Committee Chairman.

I model in N-scale, having a layout about 18 x 28 feet on two levels. It is about 80% complete in terms of the final scenery. No model railroad is totally "complete" as long as you are able to continue working on it. I am also very active in the Heritage N-trak Group, and have 14 modules that are part of a large layout we take to many shows each year.



As assistant superintendent, one of the most difficult jobs is lining up enough clinics and speakers for a year's worth of programs. I have often wished there was a speakers bureau, perhaps on a Regional level, of everybody who had programs, clinics, etc. that they would be willing to share.

David J. Leider MMR

I live in Prospect Heights Illinois and have been a member of the NMRA since 1995. I got my MMR in 2007. I have been a trainmaster for the Fox Valley division for 6 years and am the editor of the Midwest Region's Waybill. I model in HO and am working



on a depiction of Waupaca Wisconsin as it existed in 1947. I enjoy research and have written several books and numerous articles for the Soo Line magazine about various subjects. I have also written articles for all the model railroad publications and had my layout featured in Model Railroader. I enjoy giving clinics and have been a presenter at Naperville for the Prototype Modelers for a number of years as well as several divisions of the NMRA.

I am secretary for the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society as well as Chairman of the fundraising committee for its archives. I am also a member of the Chicago and Northwestern and Milwaukee Road Historical Societies, The Railway and Locomotive Historical Society and the Lexington Group. When not chasing trains I like to garden. I am married to my wife Audrone and have a stepson.



Above: Monticello Railroad Museum, Monticello Illinois
 Left: Steam generating plant at Hesston, Indiana
 Below: Wisconsin & Southern 4003 on the turntable at Janesville Wisconsin



My wife bundled up at the Santa Train in Plymouth, Wisconsin December 2008.

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